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1. Rumors are increasing all the time regarding the possible annexation of Poland, Rumania and Bulgaria by the Soviet Union. In foreign circles one is of the opinion that a political necessity for this does not exist. The Soviet Union has Poland completely under its control through Marshal Konstantin Rokossovsky; in Rumania the real representative of Moscow is the Secretary General of the Rumanian Workers Party, Gheorghiu-Dej; while in Bulgaria the Secretary General of the Workers Party, Vulko Chervenkov, enjoys the trust and support of Moscow. Aside from the fact that the incorporation of these three countries is not politically necessary, nevertheless far-reaching political reactions would set in if this should take place. The incorporation would awaken throughout the world the impression that the Soviet Union is pursuing an imperialistic policy and that it has abandoned the Stalinist idea of the right of self-determination of the people, a concept which is basic in Soviet philosophy.
2. People who are of the opposite view hold the opinion that the Soviets cannot depend any longer on a single Bulgarian and have been forced to take over the machinery of government themselves. Chervenkov cannot be the right man for the Soviets because as son-in-law of Dimitrov he possesses a certain or peculiar 'aura' and has a following among the Bulgarian people, whereas the Soviets can only depend upon a representative who is completely dependent upon Moscow for his position and does not have a link with the people. 50X1-HUM
3. If, therefore, the question arises of annexation into the Soviet Union as the only solution for the Bulgarian problem, Rumania, too, must be annexed because of its geographical position. There is some doubt regarding Ana Pauker's complete subservience to Moscow. [REDACTED] Moreover the Communists have discovered that women are not on a par with men as leaders. For that reason the Kremlin has left only one dependable representative for Rumania, namely Gheorghiu-Dej. But even he is a potential 'titular head' and the man on the street says of him: 'To be sure he is a Communist but a good Rumanian.' Up to now Moscow has succeeded in keeping Gheorghiu-Dej at the helm. But there is some doubt whether it will be possible in the long run to give him complete trust as their representative.

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4. Such complete trust, aside from Rakosi, Rokossovsky alone enjoys. Through him the Soviet Union has Poland completely under control - to such an extent that in this instance a formal annexation would not be necessary. Of course there is the possibility that the Poles could create difficulties in respect to Moscow's present policy in Germany, but since the German game is of more value to the Kremlin than the Polish, it is clear that all Polish aspirations will have to be suppressed. 50X1-HUM

5. One thing is clear today, namely that the Soviet Union is no longer playing with the concept of Pan-Slavism. The non-Slavic Hungarians and Rumanians are a more dependable 'folk' than the Slavic Bulgarians, to say nothing of the Yugoslavs who have broken away. The Soviet Union today prefers East Germany to Slavic Poland although it supports for its own interest the latter's boundary demand, the Oder and the Neisse. 50X1-HUM

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